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SUBJECT: HONDURAS/SALVADOR: CALL ON FOMIN

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USCINCSO FOR POLAD; GUATEMALA ALSO FOR ROCAP

1. CEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR PEZZULLO AND I CALLED ON FORMIN BORGONOVO MORNING OF JANUARY 24 AND SUPERFICALLY TOUCHED ON VARIOUS REGIONAL MATTERS. CONCERNING THE OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL), BORGONOVO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM AND HAD PASSED IT TO HIS STAFF FOR STUDY. PRIVATELY, HE CONTENDED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE GOES TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE MARCH ELECTIONS, SPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE RECENT PRESS DEBATE THAT HAS RAGED AROUND THE QUESTION OF THE SALVADORAN ADHERENCE TO THE ACT OF WASHINGTON. HE REITERATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY; EL SALVADOR IS WILLING TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONDURAS TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES INCLUDING THE BOUNDARY QUESTION, MUCH PREFERRED
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BI-LATERAL TALKS BUT WOULD NOT RULE OUT MEDIATION PROVIDED THAT NO

OBLIGATORY SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS ATTENDED SUCH MEDIATION.

2. TURNING TO THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE, PEZZULLO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SEE FONMIN BATRES DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO TEGUCIGALPA BECAUSE THE FONMIN WAS OCCUPIED PREPARING POSITIONS FOR THAT CONFERENCE. BORGONOVO PROFESSED NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE DETAILS OF THE SUMMIT AND WAS UNAWARE OF THE EXACT DATE. (COMMENT: IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT BORGONOVO HAS NOT BEEN KEPT INFORMED BY MOLINA ABOUT THE CONFERENCE; HE DID NOT ATTEND THAT JALAPA MEETING IN NOVEMBER AND BOTH HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD RELIED UPON GALINDO POHL TO CARRY THE BALL ON THE SALVADOR/HONDURAS NEGOTIATIONS.)

3. CONCERNING LOPEZ ARELLANO'S RECENT DEVELOPMENT PLANS SPEECH, BORGONOVO INTERPRETED FROM LOPEZ'S SPEECHES THAT THE GOH AIMED TOWARD ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND EVIDENCED LITTLE COMMITMENT TO THE CACM. HE ALSO MUSED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HONDURAS ENTERING MORE INTO THE REGIONAL GRAIN TRADE, ESPECIALLY IN EL SALVADOR, THUS FREEING SALVADORAN LIMITED ACERAGE FOR MORE PROFITABLE CASH CROPS SUCH AS SUGAR.

4. ASKED ABOUT THE PROPOSED SAN JOSE MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN MINISTERS TO PGGPARED FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, BORGONOVO SEEMED UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF SUCH A REGIONAL MEETING ABOUT WHICH HE CLAIMED HE WAS NOT CONSULTED. HE SAID THERE WERE NO BI-LATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE US AND EL SALVADOR TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE SECRETARY AND DOUBTED THAT ANY MEANINGFUL REGIONAL POSITION COULD BE DEVELOPED.

5. COMMENT: IT WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY THAT GOES CAN MAKE ANY MEANINGFUL COMMITMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN PROPOSAL. IF AND WHEN IT TAKES PLACE, THE MEETING OF THE CA CHIEFS OF STATE WILL PROBABLY BE THE FORUM IN WHICH THE BASIS AND CONDITIONS FOR ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE DETERMINED.
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